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MONTANA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM (MMSEP)

From the desk of: Curt Hahn, Traffic Education Programs, Office of Public Instruction (OPI), State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-4432. OPI will publish an MMSEP newsletter every 60 days or so. If you have news or items you would like to have included, please let me know. Feel free to fax items to OPI's fax number (406) 444-3924. Thank you.!!!

FIELD LEAVES MMSEP

Dick Field, MMSEP Specialist for OPI, is no longer with MMSEP effective December 15, 1989. OPI will be advertising for a half-time MMSEP Coordinator. Salary will be approximately $10,940 (including insurance benefit) for 1,040 annual hours of employment. This person will have an office at 1300 11th Avenue in Helena. If anyone is interested in obtaining further details, contact your local Job Service Office or OPI's Personnel Officer at 444-3032.

MMSEP INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE

If you would like information about MMSEP, contact Curt Hahn or Karen Spranget at the above address or phone number. We will be providing assistance until the new MMSEP Coordinator is hired.

MMSEP INSTRUCTOR UPDATE

OPI/MMSEP will be hosting an MSF/MMSEP instructor update at the Missoula Vo-Tech. Tentative dates are March 23, 24, 25, 1990. Annual instructor updates will be a vital part of MMSEP and are required.

MONTANA MOTORCYCLE RIDER EDUCATION CENTERS

To most effectively and efficiently promote and conduct Motorcycle Safety Education Courses throughout the state, OPI is encouraging all interested and appropriate persons, groups, businesses, and/or institutions to establish locally owned and operated Motorcycle Rider Education Centers. These centers would be eligible for state reimbursement if approved under guidelines and regulations established by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI). In general, this means these centers would offer training for beginning and experienced riders, taught by Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) certified instructors and agree to adhere to all OPI and MSF requirements. Because of the potential liability of those involved in this training and because the success of motorcycle rider education is so very important, it is necessary to maintain the highest program standards. OPI will be required, under our accreditation agreement with MSF, to monitor/visit all rider centers annually to help assure MMSEP quality. Please keep in mind that we are still in the development and planning stages so are not yet prepared to provide full written detail on all aspects of this center concept. However, if you or anyone you know would be interested in pursuing the establishment of a local center, contact us. We will be looking forward to hearing from many of you.

CURRENT STATUS

Currently, Montana has 19 MSF certified instructors. Some of them are military and likely not available for civilian training. Basically, if our existing instructors are able to establish themselves, we could have sites in Great Falls, Kalispell, Missoula (now exists), Helena (now exists), Shelby, Bozeman, and Billings for the 1990 training season.

GET IT ON!
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION

MMSEP INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATES NEEDED

We are looking for a few "good" persons (you may recognize this catchy phrase) to become MMSEP instructors. Specifically, we are looking for 12 candidates to be trained as MMSEP instructors. The next instructor preparation (IP) course is tentatively scheduled for May 20-27, 1990, in Missoula. Our estimated needs for additional instructors this year are as follows:

—Kalispell (1)
—Helena (1)
—Great Falls (3)
—Bozeman (1)
—Butte (2)
—Billings (3)
—Havre (1)

Applicants for MMSEP instructor training will be selected based upon the following criteria: (This is not an all inclusive list.)

1. Have successfully completed an MRC:RSS (Beginning Rider) Courses before attending assigned Instructor Preparation (IP) Course;
2. Willingness to teach in conformance with MSF/OPI standards, policies, and procedures;
3. Possess an "acceptable" driving record free from habitual driving violations and/or accidents;
4. Possess a current driver license with a motorcycle endorsement;
5. Identify an available, suitable site for training and agree to be responsible for course layout, lining and maintenance;
6. Live in an identified "permanent," "primary," or "secondary" site location. MMSEP has identified sites as follows: "**permanent**" = Billings, Great Falls, Butte, Missoula (now exists), and Helena (now exists); "**primary**" = Bozeman, Havre, Kalispell (now exists); "**secondary**" = Miles City, Lewistown, Glendive, Glasgow and Shelby.
7. Agree to wear appropriate "neutral clothing" when conducting training and wear all appropriate and necessary protective gear, including a helmet, when in training, conducting on-cycle training, and traveling to and from MMSEP approved training; (We encourage use of a helmet whenever you are riding; our instructors should be setting the highest possible standards in their personal as well as professional lives.)
8. Demonstrate enthusiastic interest in teaching, has some related experience and/or aptitude for teaching and shows a strong desire to teach motorcycle safety education;
9. Agrees to participate in acquiring loaner bikes from local motorcycle dealers as necessary;
10. Agrees to OPI/MMSEP reimbursement schedules;
11. Agrees to teach at least three beginning or experienced rider courses each year and/or nine in three years.

MMSEP/MSF instructor candidates go through extensive training in an intensive eight-day course which includes a student teaching component and related pre/post course assignments. **If you are an enthusiast, willing to take a risk, like to teach and work with people and like to earn a reasonable remuneration, I challenge you to get involved. Find a suitable paved site of approximately 200' x 300', contact your local dealer for training motorcycles and contact us at 444-3126.**

NATIONAL HEAD INJURY FOUNDATION

The statistics of head injury are staggering: 700,000 head injuries each year in the United States; 100,000 deaths a year as a result of head injuries; 70,000-90,000 people permanently disabled as a result of head injuries. The National Head Injury Foundation (NHIF), founded in 1980, is a national advocacy organization dedicated to preventing head injuries and to improving the quality of life for head injury survivors and their families. Head injury doesn't always happen to the "other guy." It knows no geographical, social, racial or religious barriers and when it happens to you or to someone you love, life becomes a nightmare. The NHIF was formed by families who have lived through the nightmare, and they understand the grief, fear, frustration, anger, confusion and despair experienced by those who have become a part of the epidemic called head injury.

The NHIF Family/Survivor Helpline is **1-800-444-NHIF**. Call them if you or someone you know needs help.

Check Out Motorcycle Rider Skills Training